

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2002-147-S - ORDER NO. 2002-717
OCTOBER 4, 2002

IN RE: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc.)	ORDER GRANTING
for Approval of an Agreement with the Town)	EXTENSION TO
of Lexington for Bulk Service Collection)	PREFILE TESTIMONY
from the I-20 and Watergate Sewage)	
Collection Facilities Located in Lexington)	
County, South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Motion for Extension of Time In Which to File Testimony filed by Midlands Utility Company, Inc. ("Midlands"). By its Motion, Midlands requests a one-week extension of time in which to file its testimony in the above-referenced matter. For the reasons stated below, this Commission grants Midlands' requested extension in which to file its testimony.

By Commission Order No. 2002-504 (July 9, 2002), this Commission established deadlines for the filing of testimony and exhibits in this docket. Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS") was to file its direct testimony and exhibits on or before August 22, 2002, and the other parties to the docket were to file their direct testimony and exhibits on or before September 5, 2002. Rebuttal testimony of CWS was to be filed by September 12, 2002, and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits of the other parties was due on or before September 16, 2002.

Midlands informs the Commission that its testimony was originally due on Thursday, September 5, 2002. However, counsel for Midlands acknowledges that his office mistakenly calendared the matter for September 12, 2002. Due to this error in calendaring the matter, Midlands seeks a one-week extension of the deadline to file its testimony in this matter. Midlands asserts that its counsel has contacted all parties of record in this proceeding and that no party of record objects to the extension. Further, counsel for Midlands offers that no party would be prejudiced by the extension.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds good cause to grant the one-week extension requested by Midlands. No party of record objects to the extension, and the Commission discerns no prejudice to any other party. It appears to the Commission that Midlands mistakenly calendared the wrong date from the Order setting the prefiling deadlines as its due date for direct testimony to be filed. Requests for continuance and extensions are ordinarily within the discretionary powers of the Commission. As no party objects to the requested extension and as the Commission can discern no prejudice in granting the requested extension, the Commission concludes that the one-week extension should be granted to Midlands to file its testimony.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Midlands is granted a one-week extension, or until **September 12, 2002**, in which to file its prefiled testimony.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn
Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh
Executive Director

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